



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 26, 1999

### **H.R. 774**

### **Women's Business Center Amendments Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on February 25, 1999*

H.R. 774 would increase the authorization of appropriations for the Women's Business Center Program from \$8 million to \$11 million for each fiscal year beginning in 1999. Women's business centers train and counsel women in the skills necessary to launch their own businesses. H.R. 774 also would change the requirement that a business center match each \$1 of federal funds with \$2 of private funds in the fifth year that the center receives federal support. Under the bill, the matching requirement in the fifth year would stay at the current third- and fourth-year level, \$1 of private funds for each dollar of federal funds.

For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 774 will be enacted by June 30, 1999, and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year—including a supplemental appropriation for 1999. As a result, CBO estimates that outlays would increase by \$2 million in 1999 and by \$3 million in each year over the 2000-2004 period, relative to the currently authorized level. According to the Small Business Administration, the Women's Business Center Program received the authorized level of \$8 million in 1999 from amounts appropriated for this year. The costs of this bill fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

H.R. 774 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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